

REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, Applicant adds new claims 16 - 22 to the re-issue application in an effort to provoke an interference between this re-issue application and each of the following U.S. Patents:

1. 6,561, 900

Baerlocher et al

Gaming Device With Traveling Bonus Symbols

Ser. No.: 09/606,928

Issued: May 13, 2003

Filed: June 29, 2000

2. 6,565,433

Baerlocher et al

Gaming Device With Traveling Reel Symbols

Ser. No.: 09/689,197

Issued: May 20, 2003

Filed: October 12, 2000 (Continuation-In-Part Application of Ser. No. 09/606,928)

In regards to the new claims submitted, said new claims correspond to and copy the claims of the above patents according to the following schedule:

| New Claim No. | Claim of 6,561, 900 |
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| Claim of 6,565,433 |
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Should the Examiner determine that an interference should be declared, Applicant respectfully submits that at least new claims 16 and 20 be adopted as the respective counts.

Support for the claims is found, without limitation, in the specification as follows:

New Claim Element

Support (Col., Lines)

New Claim 16

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| A. a game including a plurality of reels; | Col. 3, lines 18 - 53 |
| B. a plurality of symbols on each of said reels, each of said symbols movable with movement of the reels during play of the game; | Col. 3, lines 18 - 53 Figs. 1 - 12 |
| C. at least one triggering event associated with at least one of the symbols; | Col. 5, lines 23 - 37 FIG. 13 |
| D. an award associated with the triggering event; | Col. 6, lines 10 - 18 FIG. 13 |
| E. a graphical representation including at least one of said symbols traveling on said reels toward at least one destination on one of said reels; | Col. 5, lines 37 - 44 Figs. 2 - 8 |
| F. a display device which displays the reels, the symbols and the graphical representation; and | Col. 3, lines 18 - 23, Col. 3, lines 27 - 33 Figs. 1 - 13 |
| G. a processor in communication with the display device which causes the display device to display said graphical representation after said triggering event occurs and provides the player with the award. | Col. 3, lines 18 - 23 Col. 5, lines 36 - 60 Col. 6, lines 10 - 18 Figs. 1 - 13 |

New Claim 17

SEE CLAIM 16 ABOVE

H. at least one bonus triggering event
associated with at least one of the symbols
and a starting position associated with a
position of said symbol;

Col. 3, lines 64 - 66

Col. lines 36 - 41

Fig. 1

New Claim 18

SEE CLAIM 16 ABOVE

New Claim 19

SEE CLAIM 16 ABOVE

New Claim 20

SEE CLAIM 16 ABOVE

I. a graphical representation including at
least one of said symbols traveling on said
reels toward at least one randomly positioned
destination on one of said reels;

Col. 4, lines 35 - 49

Col. 5, lines 23 - 36

Figs. 1 - 12

New Claim 21

SEE CLAIMS 17 AND 20 ABOVE

New Claim 22

SEE CLAIM 19 ABOVE

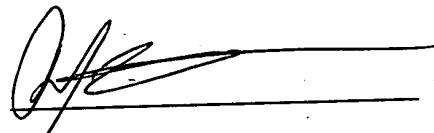
Applicant further wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention that during the prosecution of the application for the 6,561, 900 Patent, the Office rejected claims as being anticipated by the patent which is the subject of the re-issue application herein.

See Office Action dated June 4, 2002 (Examiner Scott Jones).

CONCLUSION

Re-issue Applicant respectfully requests entry of this preliminary amendment
and for a declaration of interference which the above cited Patents.

Respectfully Submitted,



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